

one kind of thidiazuron and benzyladenine in an amount effective to induce callus formation of the Ficus stipulata Thunb., and thereby obtaining a plantlet of the Ficus stipulata Thunb.--

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 15 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 3, 5 and 6 are amended to remove multiple dependencies. Claims 8-15 are added to compensate for the material deleted from claims 3, 5 and 6. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

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APPENDIX

Changes to Claims:

Claim 8-15 are added.

The following are marked-up versions of the amended claims:

3. (Amended) The cultured cell set forth in claim 1-~~or~~2, wherein the tissue of the *Ficus stipulata* Thunb. is a tissue originated from a plant body that takes roots through a cutting of the *Ficus stipulata* Thunb. being implanted therein.

5. (Amended) The cultured cell set forth in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ wherein the culture medium is a WP culture medium or an MS culture medium.

6. (Amended) A method for culturing a tissue of a *Ficus stipulata* Thunb., comprising the steps of subculturing the cultured cell set forth in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ in a culture medium containing at least one kind of thidiazuron and benzyladenine in an amount effective to induce callus formation of the *Ficus stipulata* Thunb., and thereby obtaining a plantlet of the *Ficus stipulata* Thunb.